WOLVERSTONE (LATER WOLFERSTAN) OF STATFOLD, STAFFS

I have not located Wolverstone [?Wolverton] in Suffolk and the earlier part of this genealogy may confuse two families with similar names.

ARMS:*Sable a fesse wavy or between three wolfs heads erased or (1583)

CREST: Under a tree a wolf statant all proper

Robert Wolverstone of Wolverstone Hall, Suffolk c1460-p1492
m Christine .....
Will (...) 1492/.....
chn: Thomas Wolverstone below

Thomas Wolverstone of Weeford, Staffs c1490-
m Maud Stanley dau of Sir Humphrey Stanley of Pipe in Lichfield, Staffs Knight c1455-1505 [SLG]; d c1564
(of Culfye, Suffolk)
chn: Margaret Wolverstone b c1517; m Robert Everard of Shenton, Leics c1507-.... [SLG]
Robert Wolverstone d young
Philip Wolverstone [1] b c1525 below
Humphrey Wolverstone [2] b c1530 below
Sampson Wolverstone b c1535; [? m Margaret Everard dau of Robert Everard of Shenton, Leics c1507-....]
Thomas Wolverstone
Simon Wolverstone
John Wolverstone [? m Frances Stanley dau of Francis Stanley of West Bromwich, Staffs gentleman c1504-1557 [SLG]]
Ann Wolverstone m ..... Massey
[?] Mary Wolverstone m Thomas Knyvett (of Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk) c1526-.... [SLG]

In most humble wyse sheweth and complayneth etc., your Orator Christofer Hevenyngham, Esquire, that whereas one Dame Ellen Stanley wydo late wyff of Sir Humfrey Stanley, Knight, being seised of the Manor of Aston in Stone enfeoffed (. . .) to the use of Humfrey Stanley clerke for terme of life, and after his death to use of George Stanley and his heirs male of body, remainder to William Stanley and his heirs male of body, remainder to her own right heirs and whereas the said Humfrey, George and William died without issue male so that after her death one moiety should descend to your said Orator and the other moietie to Dame Elizabeth Hercy as cosin and heir of Dame Ellen, that is to say, Dame Elizabeth as daugher of John Stanley eldest son of the said Dame Ellen, and your Complaynant as son and heir of Marye Heveningham daughter and heir of Isabel Moyle, one other of the daughters of the said John Stanley, eldest son, now certain muniments concerning the premises of right belonging to your said Orator have come into the posession of Thomas Wolverston of (?) Wysord co. Sussex. [recte ? Weeford, co. Staffs] Esquire and of Humfrey Wolverston of Stotfold in the said County, geneleman, and they detain the deeds by virtue of them refuse your Orator posession of them. [Chancery Petition (Jun 1564)]

Thomas Woolverston replies that divers evidences as to the Manor of Aston have come into his hands as executor of Humfrey Stanley, clerk, which evidences are claimed by Sir John Hercy and Dame Elizabeth his wife in her right as cousin and heir of the said Ellen Stanley; also Humfrey Wulverston gent., and Katherine his wife claim some portion of the evidences. He asks that these others may be called to interplead. As to the other properties he says that Ellen Stanley conveyed the whole to feoffees to the use of her dughter Mawd, who married him, and they had issue, one son Robert, deceased, and a younger son Robert [? recte Humphrey], now living and within age. About thee years since Mawd died. [Chancery Petition (?1567)]

Philip Wolverstone of Wolverstone Hall, Suffolk c1525-
chn: Mary Wolverstone m Sir John Killigrew of Arwenack in St. Budock, Cornwall Knight ....-1585

Humphrey Wolverstone of Statfold in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1530-1592
m Catherine Stanley dau and coheir of John Stanley of Grove, Notts; d 16 Sep 1625 aged 108[sic]; i 17 Sep 1625 Thorpe Constantine
Will (PCC) 19 Feb 1591.2/2 May 1592

(by right of his wife, lord of Statfold)
(paid £10) 1576 LS; (as gentleman, summoned but not entered at the Visitation) Aug *1583; (lord of Statfold, held of Queen Elizabeth as of her manor of Longdon) *1589/92
chn: Hercy Wolverstone [1] b c1563 below
Stanley Wolverstone 1592 fw; (living) 8 Dec 1606
James Wolverstone
Thomas Wolverstone i 11 Sep 1624 Thorpe Constantine
Hastings Wolverstone
Humphrey Wolverstone
Maud Wolverstone [1] m Thomas Arblaster of Longdon, Staffs 1561-c1618 [SLG]; d 1587
Dorothy Wolverstone [2]
Elizabeth Wolverstone [3]
Catherine Wolverstone [4] m c1610 Ralph Thicknesse of Balterley, Staffs 1545-.... [SLG]
Bridget Wolverstone [5] i 1 Mar 1570.1 Clifton Campville
.[dau]. Wolverstone [-] m ..... Middlemore of Derbys

Hercy Wolverstone of Statfold in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman c1563-1636
m 8 OR 18 Sep 1593 Betley: Mary 3rd dau of Ralph Egerton of Betley, Staffs 1539-1610 [SLG]; c 22 Oct 1577 Betley; i 8 May 1647 Statfold
d 28 Jul 1636; i 2 Aug 1636 Statfold
(as son and heir, lord of Statfold)
(reputed to have been a Captain and at the taking of Cadiz in 1595-6)
(not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6
chn: Walter Wolverstone c 10 Jul 1601 Statfold and 22 Jul 1601 Betley; i 20 Apr 1607 Betley
Catherine OR Mary Wolverstone c as Catherine? 27 Feb 1602 Statfold; m John Bromfield of Barton-under-Needwood in Tatenhill, Staffs c1610-.... [SLG]
Francis Wolverstone c 3 May 1612 Betley and Statfold below
Richard Wolverstone c 24 Dec 1615 Betley and Statfold; i 8 Jan 1615.6 Betley
William Wolverstone i 24 Aug 1626 Lichfield St Michael
John Wolverstone c 12 Jul 1630 Lichfield St Michael; i 30 Nov 1631 Lichfield St Michael

Francis Wolverstone of Statfold in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs gentleman 1612-1666
c 3 May 1612 Betley and Statfold
m 29 Sep 1631 Kings Norton: Frances Middlemore dau of George Middlemore of Hazelwell, Worcs; c 13 Sep 1607 Kings Norton; (eldest of 22 chn); d 16 Jan 1676.7 Tamworth aged 69; i 20 Jan 1676.7 Statfold; M.I.; Will (...) 4 Jul 1676/.....
d 5 Nov 1666 aged 54; i Statfold; M.I; Will (Lichfield) 1 Jun 1662/8 May 1667

(as son and heir, lord of Statfold)
(aged c54, Edward Arblaster certified Visitation for him) 31 Mar 1663; (as Mr, 9 hearths, Statfold) 1666 HT

chn: Frances Wolverstone [1] c 12 Aug 1632 Statfold; i 1 Oct 1632 Statfold
Humphrey Wolverstone [1] c 12 Aug 1633 Statfold; i Apr-May 1634 Statfold
Grace Wolverstone [2] b 3 Nov 1634; c 12 Nov 1634 Statfold; unm.; d 23 Mar 1720 aged 86; M.I. (Statfold); Will (...) 26 Mar 1715/.....
Ann Wolverstone [3] b 15 Apr 1636; c 5 May 1636 Statfold; m 13 Nov 1662 St Mary, Lichfield: Edward Arblaster of Longdon, Staffs c1631-1690 [SLG]; d 22 Feb 1693; Will (Lichfield) 1 Mar 1691.2/14 Feb 1695.6 [abstract SHC 1925 11]
Elizabeth Wolverstone [4] b 12 Aug 1637; c 28 Aug 1637 Statfold; m 22 Jun 1671 Statfold: John Bott of Dunstall in Tatenhill, Staffs c1641-1686 [SLG]; d 25 Feb 1711; d 25 Feb 1711.2; i 28 Feb 1711.2 Tatenhill; M.I. [SHAW I 108]
Francis Wolverstone [2] b c1641; (aged 22) 1663 below
Middlemore Wolverstone [3] b 18 Aug 1643; unm.; d Jan 1706.7 aged 63; i Tatenhill; M.I. [SHAW I 115]
Stanford Wolverstone [4] b c1652; (aged 17) 1669 below

Francis Wolverstone LATER Wolferstan of Statfold, Staffs gentleman c1641-1712
m1 13 Sep 1666 Esther Bowyer dau of John Bowyer of Biddulph, Staffs clerk c1600-.... [SLG]; *[? d 1673]*
m2 Eleanor Floyer dau of Matthew Floyer of Hints, Staffs 1646-1716 [SLG]; (but had no chn); c 6 Nov 1679 Hints; d 16 Mar 1713.4; i Hints; M.I. [SHAW II 20]
d 12 Aug 1712
(as son and heir, lord of Statfold); (by purchase from William Brabazon 3rd Earl of Meath [I.] ....-.... [SLG], lord of Harlaston) 1685-....; (matric. Pembroke, Oxford) 15 Jun 1657; (at Inner Temple); (aged 22) 1663; (adopted the name Wolferstan) 1667; (called to the bar) 1667; (amateur historian); ("a maker of indifferent verse"); (succeded at Statfold by his nephew Stanford) [SIMMS]
chn: Francis 1667-1668
Humphrey 1668-1673
Elizabeth 1670-1671
Francis 1672-1699
Ann Wolferstan [heir] *b 1673*; m 14 Jun 1703 Sir John Egerton of Wrinehill in Betley, Staffs 3rd
Baronet c1652-1729 [SLG]; d 12 Apr 1726

Dean Prompree's ' Lire or Ken': tae SratFrotp Tracepy (8 §. iv. 344).—Francis 'Wolfreston, of Statfold, baptized May 3, 1612, died Nov. 3, 1666; was succeeded by his son Francis, of Pembroke College, Oxon., and Inner Temple, "the stiffest of nonjurors"; about 1667 he first began towrite himself Wolferstan, married Sept. 13, 1666, Hester, daughter of John Bowyer, of Biddulph, gent., and died intestate; his only son Francis, the unfortunate youth who fell in love with Miss Antrobus, having died of smallpox in the parish of St. Giles (? Cripplegate or in Campis), 1698/9. The latter was born at Statfold, Sept. 20, 1672; his youngest paternal uncle Stanford Wolferstan was born Dec, 18, baptized at Statfold, Dec. 30, 1651, first of St. John's College, Cantab., afterwards incorporated to Oxford (? Pembroke College), Vicar of Wootton Wawen, co. War., 1678 ; died Sept. 29; buried at Wootton Wawen, Oct. 2, 1698. By his second wife Susanna, daughter of Mr. John Oreed, of Cambridge (whom he married in Jesus Chapel, Cambridge, Nov. 27, 1682), he had a third son, Francis Wolferstan, born Oct. 12, baptized at Wootton Wawen, Oct. 15, 1693, of St. John's, Cantab., rector of Drayton Bassett, co. Staff., 1722, and of Grendon, co. War., 1738 ; married Feb. 12, 1738, Elizabeth, elder daughter of Walter Noel, of Hilcote, co. Staff., and relict of Rev. Arthur Stevens, formerly rector of Grendon ; she died s.p., Jan. 31, 1754, aged sixty-seven, he April 19, 1758; both buried at Graydon, vide M.I. there. Mr. Moyer will see that the unfortunate lover and the last-named Francis were first cousins. I cannot discover anything of Hartiwell or the early Stanford. OC. Eden Bridge. [Notes & Queries]

Stanford Wolverstone LATER Wolferstan (Vicar of Wootton Wawen, Warwicks) c1652-1698
m1 1679 Isabella dau of John Hinkley D.D.(Rector of Northfield, Worcs); d 1680
m2 Susanna dau of John Creed of Cambridge
d 29 Sep 1698

(educated at Tamworth)
(aged 17, admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 5 Jul 1669 [VENN]
(B.A.) 1672.3
(M.A.) 1676
(Fellow, Kings College, Cambridge)
(incorporated at Oxford) 10 Jul 1677
(Vicar, Wootton Wawen, Warwicks) 1676-d [SIMMS]

chn: Francis Wolferstan [1] d *in infancy*
[2] Stanford Wolferstan [2] below
Edward Wolferstan [3] b 1691; m Alice .....; (but had no chn): She d *aged 76* 7 Jun 1766; i Tamworth; M.I.: He d *aged 69* 27 May 1761 Tamworth; M.I.
Francis Wolferstan [4] b c1694; (had no chn); d 1758; Will (PCC) ...../1759; (educ. Burton); (aged 17, adm. sizar, St John, Cambridge) 4 Jul 1711; (Rector, Drayton Bassett) 1738-d
Nicholas Wolferstan [5] (of Bury, Devon)
Humphrey Wolferstan [6] (of Tamworth)

Stanford Wolferstan of Statfold in Lichfield St Michael, Staffs c1689-1772
m 7 Jul 1713 Tamworth: Sarah Littleton dau of Sir Edward Littleton of Pillaton Hall in Penkridge, Staffs 2nd Baronet 1633-1709 [SLG]; c 20 Jan 1691 Tamworth
d 2 Jul 1772
(as nephew and male heir, lord of Statfold); (J.P.); (devised his estate to his grandson Samuel Pipe LATER Wolferstan 1751-1820 [SLG] [see PIPE OF STATFOLD])
chn: Littleton Wolferstan [1] (had no chn); d before his father 1769
Dorothy Wolferstan [1] c 14 Jun 1715 Tamworth; m 19 Sep 1749 Grendon, Warwicks: Samuel Pipe of Croxall, Derbys 1719-1779 [SLG]; d 26 Oct 1754
Sarah Wolferstan [2] b 13 Oct 1717; m 28 May 1737 Statfold: Joseph Girdler c1712-1788 [SLG]; d 26 Dec 1781
Joyce Wolferstan [3] m1 28 Jun 1748 Statfold: (her cousin) Edward Littleton of The Moat c1710-.... [SLG]; m2 Edward Plaisted of Bole Hall, Tamworth
Hester Wolferstan [4] unm.; d 1746
Frances Wolferstan [5] unm.; d 1767; (of Widecombe House, Bath)
Elizabeth Wolferstan [6] m 1773 Thomas Hedges of Week, Devon (Major, North Devon Militia); d 1811

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*1614/64; *1664/1700; BLG 1914 (PIPE-WOLFERSTAN); CHECK: SHAW folding pedigree to face p416* (7/3/05)